Agitation by M.Tech-Computer Science Students of JNU

3512. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M.Tech.Cumputer Science students of JNU are agitating over the evaluation system in semester examinations; and

(b) if so, what are their grievances and what action Government propose to redress them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) As per the information furnished by JNU, M. Tech. computer Science Students are not agitating over the evaluation system in semester examinations. However, a few students have requested for review of their performance as per the procedure available in the University. The same is to be considered through the academic grievances redressal mechanism of the University.

UGC Grants to Universities in Karnataka

3513. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant given by UGC to Universities in Karnataka during 1999-2000;

(b) the amount of grant proposed to be released to Universities in the State during 2000-2001, University-wise;

(c) whether the grant has been reduced; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government would consider higher education as a priority sector?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) A statement is attached *(See* below).

(b) State Universities are eligible receiving each year 20% of the development grants allocated to them for the 9th Plan, subject to submission by them of utilisation certificate/statement of expenditure in respect of grants released during the previous years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The Government recognises the crucial role of the Higher education sector in national development.

Statement

Grants Paid by University Grants Commission to universities in Karnataka State During the Year 1999-2000 Under Plan and Non- Plan Schemes.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl.No.	Name of University	Amount Paid
1.	Bangalore University	235.22
2.	Gulbarga University	84.95
3.	Kannada University	54.00
4.	Karnataka University	291.51
5.	Kuvempu University	77.92
6.	Indian Institute of Science	416.73
7.	National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences	9.05
8.	Mangalore University	121.84
9.	Mysore University	291.78
10.	National Law Institute of India	106.10

Computer Education in High Schools in Karnataka

3514. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has sought sharing the cost of the new programme to introduce computer education in high schools in the State;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance sought for; and

(c) the action, if any, taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the recommendation of the Information Technology Task Force, a proposal was received from National Informatics Centre, Bangalore in February, 1999 for launching a Pilot Project